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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The answer is in the negative.

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMY PILLAI: How is it that the Government are not coming forward to give their own employees, the right to organize their own union?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: This Union had been in existence for some time and then it had been mostly dorment are not coming forward to give their own employees, the contributed towards indiscipline in the Police ranks. And the hon. Members will appreciate that the maintenance of discipline is very essential. Therefore Government do not propose to permit the revival of this union.

Officers drawing over Rs. 500

* 235 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of officers getting salary over Rs. 500 a month during 1956–57;

(*b*) the expenditure incurred towards travelling allowance of these officers during 1956–57; and

(*c*) the number of officers among them that were sent to foreign countries, for higher studies at Government expense during 1956–57?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) 753.

(*b*) Rs. 9,77,790.

(*c*) 15.

SRI S. B. ADITYAN: May I know whether the Government have advised these officers to make any voluntary cut in their pay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Have the Indian Government contributed anything towards this expenditure, that is on foreign tours?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: These are officers who get their salaries from the Madras Government.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR: Cannot the Hon. Minister tell us whether they were sent for higher studies or on deputation?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The question is specifically about higher studies. The answer therefore relates only to that.